

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Administration of Telecommunications Utility Annual Reports

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INFORMATION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL FILINGS

This information is being provided to assist telecommunications providers who wish to request confidential handling of portions of their annual reports. The statutory filing date for the annual report is April 1.¹ All incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs), competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs), alternative telecommunications utility-telecommunications resellers (resellers), commercial mobile radio service providers (CMRSs), alternative telecommunications utility-cable television telecommunications service providers (CTV), interexchange carriers (IXCs), and certain video distance learning providers (VDLs) are required to file this report each year. The Commission has the authority to compel the filing of these annual reports pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.07, 196.202, 196.218, 196.25, and 196.499, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 160.

There are separate annual report forms for each type of provider listed above. To complete these annual reports, companies must access the Commission's web page at: <http://psc.wi.gov/> and either download a program, or fill out a web-based form. Each of these methods is a paperless filing process. Some of the programs contain the capability

¹ In those years when April 1 falls on a weekend, as is the case this year, the annual report is due on the next weekday. For 2006, the annual report is due April 3, 2006.

to allow users to file selected portions of the report on a provisional confidential basis.²

Complete lists of items eligible for provisional confidential treatment in 2004 annual report programs were detailed in multiple confidential determinations issued June 9, 2005.³ Those items, and no others, shall remain eligible for provisional confidential treatment in the 2006 and future annual reports, unless the list is modified by a subsequent determination of the Commission.

Unless a telecommunications provider desires additional provisional confidential treatment of any portion of the annual report, all annual report filings must be accomplished via the established paperless filing process.⁴ Filing of the annual report using the standard process will result in the remaining portions of the report being available to the public. Any telecommunications provider wishing to file additional portions of its annual report on a confidential basis should contact Christopher Larson of the Commission staff, at (608) 267-9508, or Christopher.larson@psc.state.wi.us. Subsequent to a request for additional confidential treatment, the Commission will issue a confidentiality determination. If the Commission denies a request for confidential handling, the information will be handled confidentially until 14 days after the determination, after which it will be posted on the Commission's website along with the remainder of the annual report.

² Certain annual report programs contain padlocks allowing users to file selected information on a confidential basis. However, a particular item is only accorded provisional confidential treatment if the padlock associated with that item is locked.

³ These confidentiality determinations can be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_confidential/default.aspx.

⁴ Program instructions direct that if a user desires additional provisional confidential treatment above that provided in the annual report form, the user should not electronically file the annual report. Instead, the user should contact Commission staff for alternate filing instructions.

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This confidential determination is based on the authority delegated to the Administrator of the Telecommunications Division on March 11, 2004.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, March 22, 2006.

For the Commission:

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